

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 13-16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 ~~This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/249,843, filed May 26, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,274,148, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/758,880, filed September 13, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/611,419, filed November 8, 1990, now abandoned, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

A2 20. (Amended) An assay kit for detecting the presence of a hepatitis C virus (HCV) glycoprotein having mannose-terminated glycosylation, wherein less than about 10% of the total N-linked carbohydrate on said HCV glycoprotein is sialic acid, wherein said HCV glycoprotein is selected from the group consisting of a glycoprotein expressed from the E1 region of HCV, a glycoprotein expressed from the E2 region of HCV, and aggregates thereof, said kit comprising:

a solid support;

a mannose-binding protein; and an isolated antibody specific for said HCV glycoprotein;

wherein one of said antibody and said mannose binding protein is bound to said solid support.

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 24-43, without prejudice and disclaimer, and add the following new claims:

A3 ~~44. (New) An isolated antibody specific for a hepatitis C virus (HCV) glycoprotein having mannose-terminated glycosylation, wherein less than about 10% of~~